

Infection Control Annual Statement 2015-2016

Purpose

This annual statement will be generated each year in May. It will summarise:

- Any infection transmission incidents and any action taken (these will have been reported in accordance with our Significant Event procedure)
- Details of any infection control audits undertaken and actions undertaken
- Details of any control risk assessments undertaken
- Details of staff training
- Any review and update of policies, procedures and guidelines

Background

The Old Harlow Health Centre has one lead for Infection, Prevention and Control, our Practice Nurse Annette Ford, supported by David Bell our Practice Manager.

Nurse Annette Ford keeps updated on infection control and shares necessary information with the team.

Significant Events

In the past year (1.3.15 – 31.3.16) there have been no significant events raised that related to infection control.

Audits

An audit on Minor Surgery was undertaken by Dr Radhakrishnan in September 2015. No infections were reported.

In January 2016 an Infection Prevention and Control in General Practice audit was completed by Health Care Assistant, Susan White supported by Practice Nurse, Annette Ford. A copy of this Annual Statement will be added to the practice website and will notify patients of any seasonal

outbreaks that they may need to be aware of via posters in the surgery and on our website.

A hand hygiene audit will take place annually.

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments are carried out so best practice can be established and then followed.

Cleaning specifications, frequencies and cleanliness of equipment

Toys, books and magazines

We have removed all toys from the waiting room and Consulting rooms.

Curtains

Modesty curtains in treatment rooms have been changed to disposable and are changed every 12 months as per practice policy.

Staff training

Our aim is to conduct hand hygiene training to members of our practice team at annual multidisciplinary staff meetings.

Relevant members of the clinical team attend/will attend update training for Infection Prevention and Control for General Practice.

Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

Policies relating to Infection Prevention and Control are reviewed and updated annually if appropriate. However, all are amended on an on-going basis as current advice changes.

David Bell

Practice Manager

For and on behalf of Old Harlow Health Centre

June 2016